

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of the subject matter recited in claims 16-18 without restriction, and the allowability of the subject matter recited in claims 12-15 if rewritten into independent form to include all of the features recited in base and intervening claims.

In the outstanding final Official Action, claim 11 was objected-to for an informality. Claims 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over NAKA (JP 2001-051922). Claims 16-18 were indicated as allowable without restriction. Claims 12-15 were indicated as allowable, if rewritten into independent form to include all of the features recited in base and intervening claims.

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 10 and 11 will have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 12-14 will have been amended into independent form, to include substantially all of the limitations of base claim 10 from which each of claims 12-14 previously depended directly.

Applicants would like to specifically note that amended claim 13 recites "a controller configured to... select, upon operation of the set key, the displayed domain name", whereas claim 13 as indicated as allowable previously recited "the set key being configured, upon operation, to select the displayed domain name". Further, Applicants would like to specifically note that amended claim 14 recites "a controller configured to... control the display to display, at the first display section, the at least one character of the user name of the email address input by the panel, and to display, at the second display section, the one domain name obtained from the plurality of the domain names

stored in the memory”, whereas claim 14 as indicated as allowable previously recited “the first display section displaying the at least one character of the user name of the e-mail address input by the panel, and the second display section displaying the one domain name obtained from the plurality of the domain names stored in the memory”. In this regard, Applicant submits that the above-noted revisions to claims 13 and 14 are made merely to clarify the features recited therein, and should not be considered to affect the scope of the claims previously indicated as allowable by the Examiner.

The cancellation of claims 10-11 and amendments to claims 12-14 should not be considered an indication of Applicant's acquiescence as to the propriety of the outstanding objection and rejection. Rather, Applicant has cancelled claims 10-11 and amended claims 12-14 merely in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, and to obtain early allowance of claims in the present application.

In view of the cancellation of claim 11, Applicant submits that the objection thereto has been rendered moot. In view of the cancellation of claims 10 and 11, Applicant submits that the rejections thereof have been rendered moot.

As noted above, Applicant respectfully notes that the cancellation of the claims has been made merely in order to advance the prosecution of the present application and thus should not be taken as an indication of Applicant's acquiescence as to the appropriateness of the outstanding objections and rejection. Further, Applicant expressly reserves the right to submit claims of a corresponding scope in another application. Thus, the cancellation of the claims in the present application is without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited in claims 10 and 11.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejection, and an indication of the allowability of each of the claims pending in the present application, in due course.

Further, in response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Final Official Action dated October 12, 2005, Applicant wishes to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application. In this regard, while Applicant does not disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain identified features are not disclosed by the references, Applicant submits that each of the claims in the present application recite a particular combination of features, and that the basis for patentability of each of these claims is based on the totality of the particular features recited therein.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicant has made a sincere effort to place the present application in condition for allowance, and believes that he has now done so. Applicant has canceled the rejected claims without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, and has amended the objected-to claims into independent form.

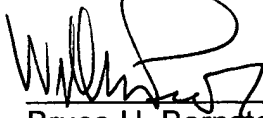
Accordingly, Applicant has provided a clear evidentiary basis supporting the patentability of all claims in the present application and respectfully requests an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application in due course.

The amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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